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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed November 07, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 07, 2006, and a one-month extended statutory period for response set to expire March 07, 2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

AMENDMENT A
(37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.